

Thursday, July 29, 1886.

Broome, the fool who jumped from the Brooklyn bridge the other day, was taken before the court on the charge of attempted suicide. He was released on a bond of \$1000. It is also said that he has been offered \$100 a week to go into a Bowery museum on exhibition.

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The News says the uninstructed delegates, and they control the convention—are very liable to lean toward Giddings. There is no machine pushing Giddings. If he gets the nomination it will be proof positive that the machine is broken in Texas and that the people in their sovereign capacity have come to the front and asserted their rights.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

During a heated contest for the governorship and perhaps a still more heated contest for local or county offices the importance of selecting a good man as representative in the legislature is too often lost sight of, and a man of the most ordinary attainments is sent to represent the most intelligent constituency. This is wrong. The legislature is the law-making power of the state and upon its actions depends in a great measure the progress and prosperity of the state at large. If wise and wholesome laws are enacted wise men will enact them; it is folly to expect wisdom from men of inferior ability. The legislatures of Texas during the past few years have not been up to a very high standard. Of course there are some brilliant men in every legislature, but as a rule such men consent to become members of that body, not for any honor or emolument that attaches to the position, but for the purpose of becoming better known and to further advancement. It is now generally admitted that our legislature is too large and unwieldy; there are too many members and too many bills, and there is entirely too much time spent in talking and speech making and not enough time in actual work. The number of members of both houses might be materially reduced with great benefit to the public service and the compensation of the members ought to be increased. At present the pay is hardly sufficient to defray the expenses of the members, the result being that they give their time to the state for nothing save the alleged honor. But few men can afford to do this as a sacrifice to themselves. Every representative district should send its best man to the legislature, as wise and conservative legislation is now demanded. Important matters will come before the next legislature, prominent among which may be mentioned the public land question, the railroads and the disposition of the penitentiary convicts. Demagogues are abroad in the state who would so cripple the railroads by legislation that not one of them would be able to pay the interest on the first cost of construction and they would put a complete stop to the building of new and much needed roads. In the older and settled portions of the state where agriculture is the principal industry additional railway facilities are needed and as a matter of course legislation along railways would put a stop to building them. Many of the projected new lines are comparatively short roads and in most instances are undertaken by local capitalists assisted by those who are most directly interested in the construction of new lines. All such enterprises as these need to be fostered and encouraged rather than obstructed by unjust legislation. If a legislature can be elected that will pay no attention to the howling of demagogues and politicians, and that will conduct the business of legislation "on purely business principles all will be well."

LET THERE BE NO CLASSES. The Democratic executive committee of Dallas county have called primary meetings at 3 o'clock p. m. for the election of delegates to the congressional convention. Certain parties are busy making capital against Wellborn, claiming that the meetings were called in the afternoon for the express purpose of choking off the workmen, who cannot be present without losing half a day's work. This movement is made by the friends of Gibbs and will be used to his advantage. Gibbs' friends now claim that the railroad influence in Hill county was the cause of the convention intruding for Wellborn. It has heretofore been a popular belief that this was a free county and that all citizens were equal before the law; that legally speaking there are no class distinctions and that there should be no class legislation. One citizen is as good as another, and one man's vote is no better than another man's; this is so because the vote of the president of the United States counts no more at the ballot box than the vote of the humblest laborer, yet the agitators and the demagogues are busy stirring up strife and using their best endeavors to alienate the working men and to get them to make class distinctions, by bringing out workmen, laborers and farmers' candidates, as distinguished from those engaged in other vocations. This is all wrong; there is but one class, and that is citizens, and all good citizens are equally interested in having a good government, be it municipal, county, state or national, and if good men be not elected it is useless to expect good government. The Democracy of this country has been fighting class legislation, and the dividing of the people into classes ever since its inception, yet office-seeking demagogues claiming to be Democrats are abroad in the land doing everything in their power to alienate one class against another, when in reality all have but one common interest. Social distinctions are as old as the world, but social distinctions have nothing to do with the government of the country, which is purely Democratic in principle, being of the people, by the people and for the people. If the country should ever be divided up into classes and one class arrayed against another then there will be an end to free government and before the people have time to realize the fact free government will be a thing of the past.

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WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION.

The Austin Call, a pronounced Swain paper, says, whatever chances Mr. Giddings may have had either as a pronounced candidate or a dark horse, are dispelled by his advocacy of the proposition to despoil the school fund of the state in order to waste it in extravagance at Galveston. No man can be elected governor of Texas on that platform, even though fortified with the nomination of the Democratic state convention.

It is not the purpose of the BANNER to defend Col. Giddings, his utterances and his record are before the people and are well known, but he has been out of politics for the last six or eight years and there are a great many voters in Texas who have never heard of him until very recently. A charge similar to that made in the Austin Call has appeared in other papers advocating some one of the Big Four candidates.

Those who know Col. Giddings, and they are to be found in all sections of the state, know that Col. Giddings is a man of too much good sense ever to have made the wildest proposition credited to him. Col. Giddings is a practical and successful business man; he is a free school man and would sanction nothing calculated to injure the free school system of Texas.

Col. Giddings as well as every good business man in Texas and in the territory north and west of Texas is fully aware of the benefit that would accrue by having deep water on the Gulf coast. He knows, and every other man who has taken the pains to read the newspapers knows, that the government appropriations for Galveston harbor have been spent or squandered without doing any public good, and with the experience of the past it is useless to expect anything in the future if the same course is pursued. His proposition was to secure deep water at some "practical point" on the coast, to be selected by the best civil engineers to be obtained and to make a deep water harbor, using the credit of the state, the said harbor to be made by contract and not paid for until the terms of the contract have been fully complied with. This is a plain straightforward business proposition and does not contemplate squandering the school lands or in any manner interfering with the school fund.

The Call and all other papers giving currency to reports similar to the above are doing so to misrepresent Col. Giddings and to their favorite. The truth is mighty and will prevail; misrepresentation of an opponent usually recoils upon its originators.

SIGNATOR COKE made a speech in opposition to the oleomargarine bill; he argues that the bill is unconstitutional and that if it is for the purpose of raising revenue that there is no occasion for it as we already have a surplus now piled up in the treasury that ought to be in circulation among the people. There is, says Mr. Coke, \$224,000 absolutely lying idle in the treasury and only \$144,000,000 of bonds which are subject to call and can be paid prior to 1891, and we collected last year \$96,000,000 that we could use, and will collect the same next year and the year after, and indefinitely on, unless we reduce the present rate of taxation, which up to this time has been successfully resisted. Evidently taxation should be reduced and the surplus money in the treasury turned loose for circulation; experience has taught that when there is plenty of money in circulation business is good throughout the entire country.

The Waxahachie Enterprise is in favor of Wellborn for congress and it says that Gibbs is a demagogue. Demagogues will continue to harangue the people, stirring up prejudice and discontent; but whoever is deceived thereby is not wise. The demagogue usually works on people who do not take time to reason and think for themselves.

HERBERT O. TOMPSON died suddenly in New York on Monday morning. He was the recognized leader of the county Democracy organization of the city and was a staunch adherent of President Cleveland. Next to John Kelly he was the most noted local politician in New York city.

HON. JOHN HANCOCK made a speech in Georgetown in which he retorts in kind to the Hon. A. W. Terrell's speech in which he went for Hancock; honors are easy between them with the advantages on the side of Hancock. The speech is published in the Austin Record of the 24th inst.

THE EL PASO Tribune says Cutting, the man now in prison in Mexico, will cut an important figure in the history of two countries. It is not the good fortune of every publisher of a "Jim Crow" newspaper to have greatness thrust upon him. It would seem that Cutting was a Jim Crow newspaper man.

SECRETARY BAYARD said on Tuesday, speaking of the Cutting case, that the Mexican authorities would do what was right in the matter. In his opinion the newspaper account of affairs at Paso del Norte were exaggerated, and irresponsible individuals were endeavoring to make trouble.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

FINE rains have fallen in Arkansas and the cotton is regarded as safe.

CLINT is developing some strength in northern Texas for attorney general.

It is rumored that Cutting is to be removed from Paso del Norte to Chihuahua.

Six members of the Galveston delegation to the convention are Knights of Labor.

FRIENDS of the oleomargarine bill are working hard to induce the President to sign it.

The Colorado Citizen can't help thinking that Ross will get the nomination for governor.

GONZALES county instructs for Roberts for governor and S. B. Maxey for the United States senate.

NACOGDOCHES county did not instruct, but the members are known to be in favor of Roberts for governor.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Huntsville Item writing from Dodge says, "We want Giddings for governor."

The directors of the broken Provident Savings bank of St. Louis have been arrested for grand larceny.

The counties of Washington, Milam, Burleson and Falls have instructed for Hon. R. Q. Mills for congress.

The Houston Post wants some Ross organ to name some subject upon which Gen. Ross has taken a decided stand.

According to the Galveston News congress is displaying grand patriotism by remaining in session during the dog days.

THE Temples Times wants the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe road to build an extension from Temple to Burnet and Mason.

According to the Belton Journal it is just possible that Gould is engineering the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway.

THE Hempstead Enterprise made its first appearance last week. It greets its readers in a salutatory nearly a column in length.

AN EL PASO special to the Galveston News says there is no immediate prospect of Cutting's release from prison in Mexico.

C. D. McKENNIE bookkeeper of the A. C. L. railway at Atlanta, Ky., is short in his accounts \$58,000. He is supposed to be in Canada.

THE Dallas Herald says that Major John Henry Brown of that city does not want to be state treasurer and that he wants no state office whatever.

IN Iowa a distillery building has been converted into a piano factory, and now the people are at a loss to determine which is the greater nuisance.

THE Fort Worth Gazette is probably satisfied that Swain's gubernatorial course is thoroughly cooked, and therefore it has nothing more to say about him.

A PORTLAND, Dakota, special says the hailstorm in that section on the 24th inst., ruined 750,000 bushels of wheat, involving a loss at present prices of \$450,000.

THE Austin county convention met at Bellville on Saturday and endorsed Giddings for governor, L. W. Moore for congress and A. Chesley for the supreme bench.

THE Belton Journal is of the opinion that Maxey should be retained or be succeeded in the senate by John Ireland, under no circumstances does it want Terrell.

MAUD S. the flyer is now in training at Robert Bonner's farm near Terrytown, N. Y. The other day she made a quarter in the wonderful time of 30 1/2 seconds—a 202 gait.

THE papers of Texas are now busy commenting on the Cutting case. From the tone of the press it would seem that there is a decided disposition to make Mexico be a special.

A SPECIAL to the Galveston News says the authorities at Washington are inclined to treat the imprisonment of Cutting by the Mexican authorities at Paso del Norte as a matter of little consequence.

THE Houston Post charges that there is a combination to prevent Swain from securing the delegation from Harris county, but, "will it win?" We can tell more about it after the convention; better wait.

THE Lampasas county convention instructed for Walter Acker for attorney general, but did not instruct as to other officers. It is understood that Ross is the preference of the delegation for governor.

MR. CUTTING, an American citizen, is in jail at del Norte and the Mexican authorities refuse to release him although his release has been demanded in due form by the United States. This affair is becoming quite complicated.

THE Texas State Sunday-school association will hold its eleventh annual convention at San Marcos, August 3d, 4th and 5th. Special rates of fare, 4 cents for the round trip will be given by the railways. For particulars address T. M. Langdon, Houston.

THE president has received the oleomargarine bill and referred it to the attorney-general for his opinion. It is understood that Judge Reagan, Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, and other leading members have called upon the president to urge him to veto it.

A PERKIN, (Ill.) girl won a chess tournament by "sneaking" a jaw six thousand times in sixty minutes.

THE Dallas Herald is a friend to Wellborn, but it would scorn to see any unfair means used to secure his nomination.

MR. WELLBORN is now at home and a lively canvass will be opened. Wellborn is a power on the stump. Gibbs will be kept busy.

APPARENTLY there is not a Ross paper in Texas that can possibly conceive of any contingency that will prevent his nomination for governor.

THE San Angelo Enterprise is now looking toward Kerrville with the hope of getting railway connection with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway.

THE Belton News is a strong supporter of Terrell for United States senator, yet the Belton county convention instructed for Ireland by an overwhelming majority.

ACCORDING to the Fairfield Record the gubernatorial outlook is very favorable for Gen. Ross. To impartial observers the gubernatorial outlook is decidedly mixed.

PARIS NEWS: Terrell has always been the champion of monopolies and it is funny to hear him deny it. The people take this denial, however, as nothing more than a huge joke.

It is claimed that there was crookedness in figuring up the vote in the Bexar county convention and that Swain had the majority. It is not at all likely that an additional convention will be held.

THE San Antonio Light claims that its party, the Republican, has 150,000 votes in Texas and it is in favor of Republican convention where the will of the majority of the Republicans can be fully expressed.

THE Victoria Advocate is an out and out Giddings paper and is doing some good work for him in its section of the state. In its issue of the 24th inst. it publishes a communication highly complimentary to Mr. Giddings.

JNO. D. McCALL has been fully exonerated of the charge of having aligned himself with the radicals at the time Davis undertook to keep Coke out of the state house. Col. Zimbleman has given a certificate to this effect.

THE San Antonio Express has no hesitation in saying that the late county Democratic convention was a disgrace. Unfair and un-democratic ways were resorted to and the outcome was that the will of the majority was not expressed.

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STATE NEWS.

—The Victoria Advocate wants book agents suppressed.

—Farmers' alliances are being organized in Barleson county.

—Temple will soon have a cotton compress, the machinery for it is en route.

—Giddings and Terrell are the favorites among the people of San Sabia county.

—Comanche county instructed for Ross at the county convention last Saturday.

—The boll-worm is said to have appeared in some portions of Brazos county.

—A Temple merchant offers a premium of a \$25 suit of clothes for the first bale of cotton.

—In San Sabia last week the thermometer reached as high as 115; the hottest since 1876.

—Grayson county needs a new jail and the Sherman Register is working hard to have one built.

—The Belleville Times intimates that the primary meetings in Austin county were fixed for Judge Moore.

—The Times says the cotton crops in Austin county will not be as large as was anticipated several weeks ago.

—It is predicted that Ross will lead in the coming Harris county convention.

—Galveston county and city set \$120,000 from the state to run public schools during the coming school year.

—Mexico has a cooking club that gives occasional entertainments. A college for cooks is one of the needs of Texas.

—In Houston politics are becoming very active. Business is rather dull and people have plenty of time to talk politics.

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